

SERVICING OF AIRCRAFT OR FOR THE COMFORT AND ACCOMMODATION OF AIR TRAVELERS. FOR SUCH PURPOSES THE ADMINISTRATION, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, MAY, BY PURCHASE, GIFT, DEVISE, LEASE, CONDEMNATION OR OTHERWISE, ACQUIRE PROPERTY, REAL OR PERSONAL, OR ANY INTEREST THEREIN INCLUDING EASEMENT IN AIRPORT HAZARDS OR LAND OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARIES OF AN AIRPORT OR AIRPORT SITE, AS ARE NECESSARY TO PERMIT SAFE AND EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE AIRPORTS OR TO PERMIT THE REMOVAL, ELIMINATION, OBSTRUCTION-MARKING OR OBSTRUCTION-LIGHTING OF AIRPORT HAZARDS, OR TO PREVENT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AIRPORT HAZARDS. IN LIKE MANNER THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ACQUIRE EXISTING AIRPORTS AND AIR NAVIGATION FACILITIES, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, IT SHALL NOT ACQUIRE OR TAKE OVER ANY AIRPORT OR AIR NAVIGATION FACILITY OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS OR ANY OTHER STATE WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION. THE ADMINISTRATION, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, MAY BY SALE, LEASE, OR OTHERWISE, DISPOSE OF ANY SUCH PROPERTY, AIRPORT, AIR NAVIGATION FACILITY, OR PORTION THEREOF OR INTEREST THEREIN. SUCH DISPOSAL BY SALE, LEASE, OR OTHERWISE, SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THIS STATE GOVERNING THE DISPOSITION OF OTHER PROPERTY OF THE STATE, EXCEPT THAT IN THE CASE OF DISPOSALS TO ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR STATE GOVERNMENT OR THE UNITED STATES FOR AERONAUTICAL PURPOSES INCIDENT THERETO, THE SALE, LEASE, OR OTHER DISPOSAL MAY BE EFFECTED IN A MANNER AND UPON TERMS AS THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION MAY DEEM IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE STATE.

(B) NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT ANY RIGHT, POWER OR AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION TO REGULATE AIRPORT HAZARDS BY ZONING.

(C) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY EXERCISE ANY POWERS GRANTED BY THIS SECTION JOINTLY WITH ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OR AGENCIES OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT, WITH OTHER STATES OR THEIR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, OR WITH THE UNITED STATES.

(D) IN THE CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY AUTHORIZED BY THIS SECTION, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PROCEED IN THE NAME OF THE STATE IN THE MANNER PROVIDED BY TITLE 12 OF ARTICLE 21 OF THIS CODE. FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING SURVEYS AND EXAMINATIONS RELATIVE TO ANY CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS, IT IS LAWFUL TO ENTER UPON ANY LAND, DOING NO UNNECESSARY DAMAGE. THE ADMINISTRATION IS NOT PRECLUDED FROM ABANDONING THE CONDEMNATION OF ANY PROPERTY.

(E) (1) IN OPERATING AN AIRPORT OR AIR NAVIGATION FACILITY OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY THE STATE, THE